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Dear Josh and Esther:

November 15th was the beginning of Winter as far as I am concerned. Snow and sleet practically paralyzed the city. I was very surprised to see what little effort the city/ies expended in removing it. We had a meeting in the south side of Minneapolis that night, and although we experienced no undue difficulty in getting to and fro, there were numerous cars abandoned. More snow is forecast for today.

I am anxious to get to Madison for a short visit soon and had hoped to bring Lois and the children along. That will be impossible unless the weather improves. In as much as the children are in school, travel with them requires the weekend whereas I can take off in the middle of the week without undue inconvenience.

Any way I tentatively plan to drop in on you during the last week of November if I come alone as is most likely--the weekend of Dec. 1 otherwise. Please let me know if this time will permit me to see you or if you are booked up already. I will confirm my plans via telephone by Mon. Nov 26.

There is little new here and no problems that can't wait. My relations with the department continue to be excellent in spite of my non-medical slant. Lichstein has been particularly helpful.

I sometimes lose patience with the cell culture boys. Cell culture has its head in 1950 and its tail in 1850. I doubt that Dulbecco and Puck and a few others are going to be able to drag the tail up to the 20th century. I must admit again that Syvertson listens to my wild ideas much better than the rest.

The shadow of Henrici hangs on the department. Whenever the Dean of the Med. School visits us we get 30 min. of reminiscence. He seems to be a ghost that nobody can live up to, so is a combination saint and hobgoblin. Very few of Henrici's concepts of biology have filtered down.

I think I'll shut up and extend my best wishes to you and yours until I see you.

Oh yes, tell Mari that I told her Ike would win by a greater popular vote than before.

Helen Bernstein wrote about her different F's. Unfortunately she didn't exactly say that they were infective although I got this impression. Makes me happy because it fits the surface factor notion better than chromosomal factor idea.

Yours,

Syvertson